

# Tri-Parish Catholic Community News



**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
436 W. Main St, LeRoy, MN 55951  
Saturday Mass @ 5:00 PM



**St. Finbarr Catholic Church**  
504 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Grand Meadow, MN 55936  
Sunday Mass @ 8:30 AM



**St. Ignatius Catholic Church**  
213 W. Franklin St, Spring Valley, MN 55975  
Sunday Mass @ 10:30 AM

## January 14, 2024 The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

God's call is personal and He invites every individual to build a close relationship with him. His call is unique as He calls individuals as well as nations to be united with Him. The Bible constantly narrates the instances of God calling people and demanding a response from them. We have the examples of Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Mary, the disciples and several other persons who were called by God and they responded to Him by sacrificing everything to obey His invitation.

God's call is a gift and this call is given to each and every person demanding a response and readiness to work for Him. He has called people to follow Him as missionaries, preachers, teachers, ordinary office workers, builders of families, social workers, medical practitioners, nurses, priests and religious who could be His instruments of reconciliation.

As we are being constantly reminded of our own call to follow Him closely, what are we looking for? Are we looking for Power; Pleasure; Wealth; Relief from Loneliness; Relief from Pain, Hunger; Knowledge; Truth; or Love?

How do I answer this question right now? *Lord Jesus, fill me with your grace to experience your presence as I answer this question.*

***Blessings!***



## St. Finbarr Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>NO MASS on Tuesday mornings until further notice. Sun., Jan. 21, 8:30 AM for Virgil Weiss †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 21, 8:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Opener: Kristie Skifter E. M.: Kristie Skifter / Kristal Brogan / Kathy Gehling Lector: Adyson Brogan Servers: Avery Paul / Sean Brogan Ushers: Lon Baldus / Clint Weiss Counters: Susan Baldus / Jenny Weiss</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Jan. 7, 2024 – Week 28</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 3,336.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,731.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 57,208.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 46,071.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Contact Tye Davis</u></b> if you are interested in reserving St. Finbarr social hall. ➤ <b><u>Please Pick Up Your Poinsettia</u></b> from the social hall, if you donated one.</p>	

## St. Patrick Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Wed., Jan. 17, 8:30 AM for Lorann &amp; Randy Donovan Sat., Jan. 30, 5:00 PM for The People of God</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sat., Jan. 20, 5:00 PM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Rod &amp; Shirley Miller E. M.: Jennifer Lewis / Arlene Bastain / Jim Yoch Lector: Barb Payne Servers: Vanessa &amp; Landon Lewis Ushers: Chris Lentz / Mike Welsh Sacristan: Kathy Counters: Dan Evans / Jodi Miller</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Jan. 6, 2024 – Week 28</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,311.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,182.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 41,696.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 38,140.00</p>	
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## St. Ignatius Announcements

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Mass Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Thurs., Jan. 18, 8:30 AM for Theresa Weisinger † Fri., Jan. 19, 8:30 AM for Patricia Capek † Sun., Jan. 21, 10:30 AM for Phil Weiss †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Liturgy Schedule Sun., Jan. 21, 10:30 AM</u></b></p> <p>Greeters: Jeff &amp; Cindy Erding Gifts: Bill Mettler Family E. M.: Jeff Erding / Rita Bezdicek Lector: John Gladly Servers: Ava Wolfram / Braxton O'Connell Ushers: Jacob Souhrada / Noah House Counters: O'Connell / Arndorfer</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Offering from Jan. 7, 2024 – Week 28</u></b></p> <p>Weekly Support: \$ 1,080.00 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$ 1,788.00 YTD Support Received: \$ 63,007.00 YTD Expenses Paid: \$ 61,448.00</p>	
<p>➤ <b><u>Cancer Telethon All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast</u></b>, Spring Valley VFW, today, Sun. 1/14, 8-12:30, 12 and older \$10, 6-11 \$5, 5 &amp; younger free. Eggs, pancakes, French toast, biscuits and gravy, sausage, milk, coffee, OJ. All proceeds donated to telethon.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus</u></b> will meet January 16 in the parish hall. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.</p> <p>➤ <b><u>Volunteers Are Needed</u></b> to deliver Meals on Wheels. Please contact Pat Blahnik if you can help: 507-346-7194.</p>	

*“I fear nothing, because of the promises of Heaven;  
for I have cast myself into the hands of Almighty God,  
who reigns everywhere.”*

St. Patrick



## Tri-Parish News

**The three-year Eucharistic Revival has begun!** *There is no better way to feed your soul than with the Eucharist. The Eucharist is astonishing. God himself wants to nourish us. God himself wants to feed us spiritually. God wants to dwell in you.*

**Beautiful Eucharist, 2023.**

- **Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.**'s birthday with an hour of reflective meditation on peace, non-violence, and inter-racial understanding: Jan. 15, 4-5 PM at Wykoff Commons. This event includes video recordings of Dr. King's speeches, flameless candles, space for walking and opportunity to share reflections. Sponsored by Fillmore County Discussion on Race.
- **Join the MCCL March for Life**, noon, Jan. 22 at the state capitol in St. Paul. Show elected officials and the public the precious value of every human life. Learn more and get involved at [mccl.org/march](http://mccl.org/march).
- **Austin Area Council of Catholic Women** Quarterly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at Queens of Angels in Austin. The meeting will begin with Mass at 9:30 AM. All members are welcomed. If there is bad weather the meeting will be cancelled.
- **Trauma Reboot**, weekly Feb 18-May 12, 4-6 PM at Holy Redeemer in Eyota. If you are a person living with the effects of trauma, there is hope. Trauma Reboot is a 12-week, faith based, peer-led course empowering everyday people to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future. To learn more or register, please contact Marilyn Baker at [mkbak7@gmail.com](mailto:mkbak7@gmail.com) as soon as possible.
- **Courier:** The January edition is on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) then click "The Courier."
- **Tri-Parish Bulletin:** Please e-mail [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com) with any bulletin announcements. Deadline is 11 AM Wednesdays.
- **Tri-Parish Masses:** Please give Mass stipends directly to Father Marreddy along with the name(s) for whom the Mass is intended. Make checks payable to St. Ignatius. Stipend requests are \$5 per Mass and are said during the week and on weekends.



### Faith Formation Announcements

#### St. Finbarr

Class 7-8 PM 1/17, 24, 31

#### St. Patrick

Class 6:45-7:45 PM 1/17, 24, 31

#### St. Ignatius

Class 9-10:20 AM 1/14, 21, 28

## Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound Tri-Parish members in your prayers.

Dorothy & Leon Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Lois Gehling – St. Finbarr
Keith Steinkamp – St. Finbarr	Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius
Ron Neis – St. Ignatius	Kathleen Mulhern – St. Ignatius
Julie Schwade – St. Ignatius	Bob & Margaret Cole
Brenda Woida	Stephen Czapiewski
Tom Colwell	Darin Jones
Dorothy Gunsallus – St. Patrick	Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick
Johnny Wade – St. Patrick	Tom Hovde – St. Patrick
Peggy Hammon – St. Patrick	Karice Stern
Barb Cowden	Joseph Murray
Hallie Koenigs	

*If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to [triparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:triparishsecretary@gmail.com).*

### Tri-Parish Staff Directory

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#### Faith Formation Coordinators:

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Elaine Mills – St. Patrick 507-440-0674

Jenny Gehling – St. Finbarr 507-251-7929

Tri-Parish Website: [www.tri-parish.net](http://www.tri-parish.net)

## **Sacraments**

**Baptism:** Arrangements for infant baptism are made at least one month in advance. A one-hour Pre-Jordan session is required for parents who have not participated in one previously. Baptism is preferably celebrated during the Mass on Saturday or Sunday. To make arrangements, contact Fr. Marreddy.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for marriage should begin six months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Marriage preparation requires a series of meetings and a marriage encounter weekend. This sacrament is not celebrated during Lent or Holy Week.

**Confession:** This is offered before the Saturday Mass from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., before or after daily Mass in the respective parishes or by appointment with Fr. Marreddy or Fr. Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

### **St. Finbarr:**

*Tuesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Patrick:**

*Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.*

### **St. Ignatius:**

*Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.*